

## Message Text

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P R 242045Z JUL 78  
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8965  
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA  
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE  
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA  
USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS CZ  
USDIA WASHDC

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, ASEC, SHUM, ES  
SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN EMBASSY BOMBED

AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED NEAR GUATEMALAN EMBASSY DURING THE DAWN HOURS OF JULY 24. DATT REPORTED THAT THE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE USED WAS APPARENTLY SIMILAR TO A CLAYMORE MINE AND WAS PLACED JUST OVER THE WALL SEPARATING GUATEMALAN EMBASSY FROM THE STREET. EXPLOSION CAUSED EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE (INCLUDING THE GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE) BUT NO INJURIES. DATT ALSO REPORTED THAT POLICEMAN GUARDING THE ENTRANCE TO EMBASSY GROUNDS WAS REPORTEDLY LURED AWAY BY A "SERENO" OR NIGHT WATCHMAN WHO TOLD HIM THAT A FIRE HAD JUST BROKEN OUT DOWN THE STREET. FIRST REPORTS INDICATED THAT LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF THE PEOPLE (ERP) WAS GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENT.  
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## Message Attributes

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